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Trip Report: Veteran's Day Rogue River

November 24-26, 2009 • Submitted by Scott Ogren

In all, 24 hardy souls shoved off from the Graves Creek boat ramp on an overcast Saturday morning in early November. Although the weather report said to expect rain, we were all there for a good time, and that's exactly what happened. The only appreciable amount of rain we saw was the first evening after we had camp all set up – and we were ready for it – plus the last morning during breakfast and the row out to the Foster Bar boat ramp. I'd say we got pretty lucky.

Camp at Horseshoe Bend the first night was as good as can be expected. We had a roaring campfire, quesadillas for an appetizer and Russ Pascoe brought his homemade puttanesca served us on spaghetti with salad and garlic bread. It was an incredible dinner. Before leaving camp the next morning, we were treated to a hearty breakfast of French toast with sausage and eggs. We ate like kings!

The next day, our group successfully negotiated Mule Creek Canyon and Blossom Bar. We had a few people who had never been down this river, so precautions were taken to ensure

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NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, February 10, 2010
at 7:30 PM

Clackamas Pool

7300 SE Harmony Road, Milwaukie

***Bring a Throw Rope
and Helmet***

RIVER TIP

Submitted by Tom Hanson

Loading a boat on a flatbed trailer is easy when you've got the help; but what if you are alone or do not have enough help? A small 1000-pound winch mounted to your trailer's stinger will do the trick. These can be purchased at most any marine supply store, then mounted with bolts. A winch is helpful even when you have other people to assist you – especially when the angle up from the river is steep.

Oregon Whitewater Association is dedicated to preserving, protecting and promoting Oregon's rivers for the safe enjoyment of both public and private non-motorized boating, now and in the future. We advocate fairness in accessibility to river resources and provide a voice for responding to river issues and management concerns.

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Two-Day Swiftwater Rescue Workshop

April 17-18, 2010 • Submitted by Brenda Bunce

When you are planning events for 2010, be sure to include this invaluable course taught by eNRG Kayaking instructor, Sam Drevo.

Sam has many certifications including Advanced Whitewater Instructor, Rescue III Advanced swift water rescue technician/instructor and Red Cross Lifeguard instructor. Sam has boated all over the world and will also be our speaker for our January meeting.

The course includes rescue training, basic hydrology/hazards, review of knots, throw rope practice, foot entrapment and swimming in rapids, REACH system, shallow water crossings,

anchor review, mechanical advantage and different rescue scenarios to name a few topics. Training will include some classroom time and in the water on the Sandy river.

The OWA board has agreed to sponsor this class with a \$ 50 per member discount. Space is limited to 12 people and the total cost of the class is \$ 250 (with a 10% discount if we have 10

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or more people attend) minus the \$ 50 paid by OWA.

We think this class is so invaluable to anyone running rivers that the board has also agreed to pay an additional 15 % towards anyone who signs up by March 1st, 2010.

People who have attended this class before pay half price at \$ 125.00 to keep their skills honed. You will need to send in a \$50 deposit to secure your spot. The balance must be received 30 days in advance of the course.

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Submitted by Josephine Denison

2.13-2.15 Sat-Mon	Rogue River	III/IV	Ernie Eichhorn	e.eichhorn@comcast.net	
ADDITIONAL TRIP INFORMATION					
This will be a joint trip with OWA & OKCC. We will spend Friday night at Galice. More details to follow.					
4.10 Sat	Deschutes River	III/IV	Tom Hanson	TJHrafter@earthlink.net	503.201.4428
ADDITIONAL TRIP INFORMATION					
This is a day float on the middle Deschutes. The river is free of other boaters at this time, so join us for a pleasant day on the Deschutes. We will shuttle the vehicles down to Sandy Beach starting at 10:00AM sharp. This will put us back at Harpham Flat for a 11:00AM launch. Bring your lunch since we will be stopping along the way to enjoy the bright sunny day and have a bite to eat. This is a class IV river with Wapanitia, Boxcar and Oak Springs providing some big water.					
4.17-4.18 Sat-Sun	North Umpqua River	II-III	Brenda Bunce	brenda.bunce@gmail.com	360.931.4224
ADDITIONAL TRIP INFORMATION					
Idleyd Park to Winchester (25 miles). This is a joint club trip with the Roseberg chapter of NWRA. Trip leaders will be Brenda Bunce and Walt Bammann. We will camp at Whistler's Bend camp and share a potluck dinner Saturday night. Option for day trip only by taking out or joining us at the Whistler's Bend camp boat ramp on April 18.					
5.7-5.9 Fri-Sun	Grande Ronde River	II/III	Eric and Candace Ball	balle@pocketinet.com	509.525.6134
ADDITIONAL TRIP INFORMATION					
Put in at Minam and take out at Heller Bar, 90 miles in three days. We cover a lot of ground, so be prepared to row. Rewards include great scenery, good company, and an opportunity for a burger and shake for lunch on day 2. Not bad for a Wild and Scenic River. This section is Class II with one Class III.					
5.29-5.30 Sat-Sun	Lochsa River	IV/V	Steve Herring	stevenh@Tektronix.com	www.europa.com/ ~layport/lochsa/ index.html
6.5-6.6 Sat-Sun	North Umpqua River	II-III	Brenda Bunce	brenda.bunce@gmail.com	360.931.4224
ADDITIONAL TRIP INFORMATION					
Boulder Flat to Gravel Bin. This is a joint club trip with the Roseberg chapter of NWRA. Trip leaders will be Brenda Bunce and Walt Bammann. This is a day trip. Car/tent camping will be at Horseshoe bend with Potluck Saturday night. Camping is also available on June 4.					
Mid June TBD	John Day River	II	Scott Ogren	scott@scottogren.com	503.267.9785
ADDITIONAL TRIP INFORMATION					
Trip will take place in mid June; dates are to be determined based on when Portland Public Schools are out for the summer. Float will be from Service Creek to Clarno; plan for four days and three nights.					
6.12-6.13 Sat	Klickitat	III+	Doug Smith	doug@davidsmith mapping.com	503.232.5285
6.18-6.20 Fri-Sun	Deschutes River	III	Carol Beatty	caroldon1@comcast.net	503.816.6172
ADDITIONAL TRIP INFORMATION					
The annual OWA Women's trip is back for 2010! Put in at Buck Hollow and run to Heritage Landing; 42 river miles.					
7.3-7.5 Sat-Mon	Lower Salmon River	III/IV	Eric and Candace Ball	balle@pocketinet.com	509.525.6134

OWA 2010 TRIP CALENDAR (CONTINUED)

ADDITIONAL TRIP INFORMATION

Run from Hammer Creek to Heller Bar in 3 days slower flow; 73 river miles. A perennial favorite. High flows flush us down the river in 3 days. A nice mix of fun rapids, nice beach camping, and a little history. This trip cancels if the flow rate is predicted to be above 20,000 cfs on Slide Rapid day.

8.21-8.22 Sat-Sun	Yakima River	II	Vance Cordell	pyloris58@yahoo.com	360.253.3013
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ADDITIONAL TRIP INFORMATION

We will run from the Ringer Loop Road Ramp to the Big Pines Campground on Hwy 821. This is a family float with absolutely beautiful scenery. Vance will try to secure several camp sites at Big Pines for Friday and Saturday nights with a weenie roast scheduled for Saturday night. Try to get there Friday night so we can get started on our float at 10:00 AM Saturday as it is a 14 mile float.

9.11-9.13 Sat-Mon	Hell's Canyon	II/IV	Mike Moses	mtymo_@hotmail.com	509.529.8603
9.17- 9.19 Fri-Sun	Tieton River	III	Brent Davis	bdavis599@yahoo.com	503.239.0948
10.16 Sat	North Santiam River	II/III	Josie Denison	josephinedenison@hotmail.com	503.851.9326

ADDITIONAL TRIP INFORMATION

Run from Packsaddle Park to Fisherman's Bend Park.

11.13-11.15 Sat-Mon	Rogue River	III/IV	Scott Ogren	scott@scottogren.com	503.267.9785
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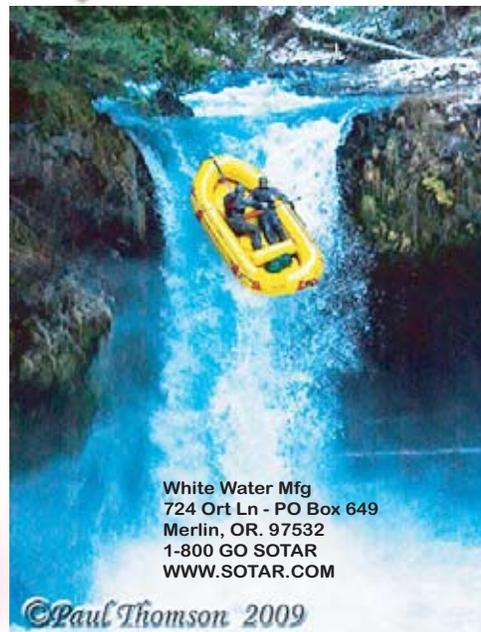
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everyone knew what was ahead of them and we all knew what to expect. The kayakers did a great job staging themselves throughout the Blossom Bar area to provide rescue support if it were to be necessary. We all looked out for each other

and everyone did what they needed to do perfectly.

As is typical on fall Rogue River trips, our last night's camp at Tacoma Bar has a feeling of accomplishment to it, and the group generally wants to celebrate. So we celebrated,

and then celebrated some more. With steak fajitas for dinner, more appetizers than I can remember and Cary Solberg setting up a bar and playing the part of generous bartender, the party was on. With full stomachs and drinks in hand, we all sat around two campfires and partied the night away.

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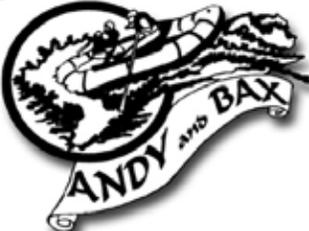
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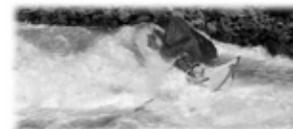
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BRENDA BUNCE

Hello fellow club members,

Our club has certainly started off 2010 with a bang! On New Year's Day we kicked off the Sandy River float at 4,500 cfs with 30 boats and 25 disabled American Veterans and their families. Team River Runner has been sponsoring this activity and has become a welcoming part of our annual float and potluck.

Do you have a favorite river? Consider sharing it with our club members and become a trip leader.

Also, our joint club event with OKCC and NWRA, much appreciated the river stories and videos shared by Sam Drevo of eNRG kayaking. We look forward to continuing such events with fellow river friends. Thanks to all for coming out to the Firehouse.

Join us on February 10th at 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. for some fun in the pool. We will be providing the opportunity to practice your rescue and rope skills at the North Aquatic Clackamas Pool at 7300 SE Harmony Rd., in Milwaukie. The event is free so come on out and bring your throw rope and helmet and enjoy the hot tub afterwards.

Get signed up for a FIRST AID/CPR/AED COURSE. Dan Alsup, club member and Oregon EMS certified is offering this class to us for \$30.00. This is an 8 hr. course for a 2 year certification and will be offered on February 6th or March 6th. To sign up or for more details, contact Dan Alsup at oreems@yahoo.com.

Time is running out to qualify for additional discounts to the highly recommended Swift water rescue class on April 17th and 18th. See the ad in this newsletter and receive an additional 15% discount if enrolled by March 1.

Mark your calendar for our second annual club picnic on August 7 at Hagg Lake. There are more details to come.

If we don't see you at the pool, join us for our regular Round Table Pizza meeting on March 10 for a wonderful presentation from a wildlife biologist.

Happy and Safe boating,
Brenda

A river seems a magic thing. A magic, moving, living part of the very earth itself – for it is from the soil, both from its depth and from its surface, that a river has its beginning.

~Laura Gilpin,
The Rio Grande, 1949



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have a way of making you not care about the rain – for a little while anyway. There was enough rain the last morning that soaked everything. If you thought you had anything dry before that rain storm, it wasn't dry anymore. While we were all taking our

tents down – with our dry bags open none the less – the skies just opened up on us and soaked every last remaining bit of everything we had. Luckily, we were only a two hour row from Foster Bar where we all had dry clothes waiting for us.

This was a very successful trip and the great success was made possible by everyone's willingness to pitch in and work for the group. We all had a great time and are looking forward to the next OWA/OKCC Rogue River trip.

Oregon Whitewater Association

Membership Application Form

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